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Dear Forest Friend:

The Cherry Run project environmental assessment (EA) is now available for public review and comment. The EA is available on the Allegheny National Forest website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55612. A paper copy can be requested from Ed Baker, Planning Team Leader (see contact info below).

This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process described at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection. An exception to this requirement, however, may be granted if an objection is based on information added to an EA or draft decision after the last designated comment opportunity.

Written comments submitted by postal service mail, email, or facsimile will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the Bradford Era. The publication date in this newspaper is the only means by which to calculate the 30-day comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. In order to establish eligibility to object based on comments submitted during this time period, an individual or entity must submit timely, specific written comments that are within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Additional requirements are specified in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3).

Written comments must be submitted to responsible official Rich Hatfield, USDA Forest Service, Bradford Ranger District, 29 Forest Service Drive, Bradford, PA, 16701. Hand delivered comments will be accepted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. Comments submitted in Microsoft Office or Adobe Acrobat compatible formats will be accepted by email addressed to: comments-eastern-allegheny-bradford@fs.fed.us

Please reference the Cherry Run project and include your name and physical mailing address with your correspondence. For objection eligibility, those who submit comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered a part of the public record for this project and available for public inspection.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Ed Baker, Planning Team Leader, at (814) 363-6012.

Sincerely,

RICHARD HATFIELD

District Ranger



